



The 12th Edition

Volume 5, Issue 1

Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force Supplement to the *Desert Airman*

Friday, January 10, 2003

News Briefs

Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is **2 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Catalina Room at the Officers' Club.**

Honorees need to be in place by 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 12 AF/PA at 8-6053.

Holiday weekend

January has a three-day weekend in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 20.

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the long weekend in a fun, safe way using some of these tips:

1. If you drink, designate a driver before going out or call the AADD program at 850-2233.

2. When planning an outing, apply personal risk management to ensure you return home safely.

3. Keep an eye out and avoid putting yourself into unsafe situations, use the wingman policy – it pays!

MyPay offers W-2s

Service members, military retirees and annuitants can find their account statements and tax information online via the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's myPay, a secure online system. Active-duty and reserve members can view and print current-year W-2s, while retirees can view and print their account statements. Annuitants can view and print their account statements, their 1099R tax statements, and their 1042S tax statements. Service members, DoD civilian employees, military retirees and annuitants can use their Social Security numbers and personal identification numbers to log onto myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

For more information about myPay, call customer support at (800) 390-2348 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST.

Exercise tests ACOMS abilities

Communication, mobility readiness training ensures unit preparedness

By CMSgt. Gordon DeVos
612th ACOMS

Readiness, preparation and practice are keys to military mission accomplishment and operational success. With that in mind, the 612th Air Communications Squadron put itself through the test in support of System Training Exercise (STE) 02-01 with the 133rd Test Squadron, Air National Guard, Iowa, from Nov. 19 to Dec. 9, 2002.

In conjunction with the 3-day communications exercise supporting the STE, the 612th ACOMS conducted an in-house mobility exercise.

"Since it had been a year since we packed, deployed and set-up and with the large change-over in personnel this was an excellent opportunity to test our skills and provide much needed training in a low threat training environment," said MSgt. Gilberto Gutierrez, 612th ACOMS Support Flight Superintendent.

On Nov. 19, with an early morning recall and mobility "bag drag," preparations began for the small-scale deployment. After



Photo courtesy 612th ACOMS

Ground radio personnel assess the situation after a simulated attack during the System Training Exercise.

the recall and mobility processing, personnel began packing and palletizing, preparing and mobilizing equipment, and vehicle maintenance personnel made preparations for a 30-mile convoy.

As each stage of the preparation was completed, Maintenance Support readiness personnel inspected each pallet and each vehicle to ensure compliance with Air Force mobility instructions. Lessons learned were documented and on the spot training was conducted to re-enforce proper procedures.

The unit deployed to a field located behind Building 75 just adjacent to the FAMCAMP overflow area. All facets designed to support a communications site were positioned and set-up to include tactical power generation and heat ventilation and air conditioning.

A number of first time achievements were accomplished during this exercise. Ground Radio personnel displayed the ability to trans-

See ACOMS, Page 2



12 AF members give at home, abroad

Left: On Dec. 24, Lt. Col. Mark Haskins, 429th EOS Commander, Curacao, (in uniform), donates a bag of children's clothing and more than 220 pounds of food to "Grupo Love & Peace Gina," a charity which helps children in one of Curacao's most impoverished neighborhoods.

Right: The 12th Air Force food drive challenge gathered a truckload of food to be donated to the D-M food locker.



ION tracking

MSgt. Reyes (right) evaluates his calibration of the instrument with Larry Kravice, instructor of the ION Track Explosives Detection and Identification. Training was held Dec. 12-13 at Muniz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, with members of 12th AF Force Protection Cell, 35th EAS Force Protection personnel, Manta and Curacao FOL Force Protection personnel, and 156 PRANG Aerial Porters. 35 EAS received four ION Track Explosive/Narcotics Detection and Identification instruments.



Courtesy Photo

ACOMS

Continued from Page 1

mit facsimiles from the exercise area to various locations throughout the base via radio communications.

The highlight of the test concluded with Brig. Gen. Scott Gray, 12th Air Force vice commander, personally sending a holiday greeting across the base.

Other first-time achievements included: Ability to Survive and Operate, (ATSO) and Self Aid Buddy Care scenarios, data transmission via direct input to the satellite communications van, and intra-site connectivity of tactical phones with DSN link up.

The exercise was a total success. Work center objectives, goals, and training were all achieved. This exercises and others like it ensure 612th ACOMS maintains a high readiness posture and reinforces its status as the "Best Small Communications Unit in ACC."

The 612th ACOMS will always be "On Line, On Time."



The 12th Edition



Editorial content for *The 12th Edition* is edited, prepared and provided by the Twelfth Air Force Public Affairs Office.

Contributions for *The 12th Edition* can be made directly to the Twelfth Air Force Public Affairs Office, Building 12, Suite 228, or through e-mail to 12af.pa@dm.af.mil. The editor can be reached directly at 228-6053.

All photographs are U.S. Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated.

The 12th Edition is a supplement to the *Desert Airman*, published by Aerotech News and Review, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written agreement with the 355th Wing. All Advertising is handled by Aerotech News and Review, 456 East Ave. K-4, Suite 8, Lancaster, Calif. 93535, phone (520) 623-9321. They can also be reached by E-mail at aeroaz@earthlink.net.

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services.

Contents of the *The 12th Edition* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, DoD, or the Department of the Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, or Aerotech News and Review, of the products or services advertised.

Editorial Staff

12 AF Commander.....Lt. Gen. William Hobbs
Chief, Public Affairs.....Capt. Karin McWhorter
NCOIC, Public Affairs.....TSgt. Karin Wickwire



We're Open
Mon-Fri. 9am-6pm
& Sat. 8am-5pm
Call for Appt.
520.745.6030
some walk-in's available

Concepts Hair Design

5595 E. 5th St.

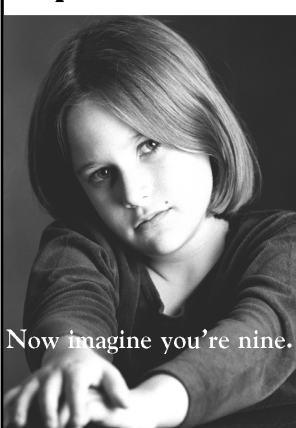
(on 5th St. just east of Craycroft)

25% Discount on all services for military and dependants with I.D.

Certain restrictions apply. Expires Feb. 10, 2003

Professional perms, color, highlights, hair cuts, waxing
Licensed Barber on Duty!

Imagine facing
blindness,
kidney failure, or
amputation.



Now imagine you're nine.

Kids like Samantha deserve more to look forward to than daily injections and incurable disease. Although insulin can help, it is not the cure. In fact, diabetes kills one American every three minutes.

At last, there's hope. Research funded by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is closer than ever to a cure. But we can't do it alone. To find out how you can help, please visit www.jdrf.org or call 1.800.533.CURE.



dedicated to finding a cure

1.800.533.CURE

SPECIAL LIMITED TIME OFFER TO NEW ADVERTISERS IN

DESERT AIRMAN

Official base newspaper for
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base



**CALL
TODAY!**

LUCKY

ADVERTISING SPECIAL

**Sign up now to run 6 ads at our
low six-issue contract rate and your
SEVENTH AD IS FREE!**

- * Seventh ad is free only with signed six issue advertising contract.
- * Free ad must be same size as preceding six ads.
- * Advertiser's account balance must be current

**HOW MANY FREE ADS
WOULD YOU LIKE?**

For every six issue contract completed,
you receive the seventh ad FREE -
up to one year total commitment.



CALL TODAY
IN TUCSON: (520) 623-9321
TOLL-FREE: (877) 925-8281

Mark D. Maklin - DMD

2370 N. Wyatt Dr. Suite 110 • Tucson, AZ 85712

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: INFANTS • ADOLESCENTS & HANDICAPPED
Member American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

520-325-6991

- Preventive Care From Birth
- Orthodontics - Cosmetic Bonding - Bleaching
- Hospital Dentistry - Sedation - Sealants

Visa, Mastercard,
American Express,
Discover accepted

• Military and Other Insurance
Plans Welcome



WHERE QUALITY & CARING FOR YOUR CHILD COME TOGETHER

SALUTE!

Promotees

Airman 1st Class

April Bass

Senior Airman

Brad Hoopes

Senior Airman BTZ

Karen Abplanalp

Staff Sgt

Russell Clinton, Michael Harvell

Technical Sgt

Jeffrey, Labossiere, Kenny Phillips,
Peter Thomann

Master Sgt

Mitchell Marchus

Senior Master Sgt

Jill Sweet

Chief Master Sgt

Kevin Crook, Calvin Helton

1st Lieutenant

Michael Caldwell, Edward

Captain

Talley
Keith Klesner

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments

Medal Recipients

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt. Phillip Roseberry (3rd OLC)

Air Medal

MSgt. Scott Beavers

Air Force Achievement Medal

Capt. Karin McWhorter

Top of the 12th

A1C Larry Bent is a General Purpose Vehicle Mechanic for 612th ACOMS.

"He is a go getter and team leader at all times," said SSgt Paul Pocock, NCOIC, Vehicle Maintenance, 612th ACOMS. "A1C Bent is a driving force within the vehicle maintenance facility."

Years of service: 1 year.

Hometown: Homer, Ill.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: Inspects, maintains, and repairs 96 vehicles supporting 12th AF AOC. Diagnose malfunctions and replace parts as necessary. Performs preventative and special maintenance in accordance with applicable technical orders. Conducts major and minor repairs of components and assemblies by rebuilding, removing and replacing worn or damaged parts.

Favorite aspects of D-M: The weather here in the winter is amazing. In Illinois right now it's freezing. There, you cannot walk outside without at least 3 layers of clothes on.

If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be? I would definitely put more grass and trees on base. I miss the greenery.

What motivates your winning attitude? My grandparents. My grandfather is prior Army and always lets me know how proud he is every time we talk.



A1C Bent

The Calendar

Unified Endeavor 03-2/Fuertes Defensas 03 MPC

Main Planning Conference hosted by USJFC is Jan. 21-23.

Unified Endeavor exercises are designed to train JTF commanders/Staff and JTF Component Commanders/Staff on Joint Task Force Operations. The focus is on Joint Academic training; standing up a JTF; crisis action planning procedures; joint doctrine; and tactics, techniques and procedures application. 12 AF/CC is designated JTF Commander. Other UE 03-2 events include: MESL conference is Feb. 19-20, FPC is April 1-3, Phase I/II Academics is July 30- Aug 2, CAP is Aug. 3-7, Phase IIB (Rock Drill) is

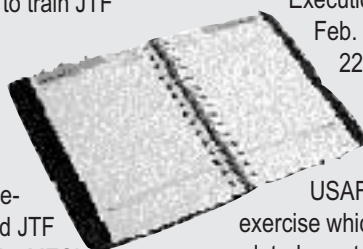
Aug. 26, and Execution is Sept. 8-17. (Call Mr. McGregor or Mr. McGoldrick, 228-2292.)

Rainbow Blue Flag 03-2

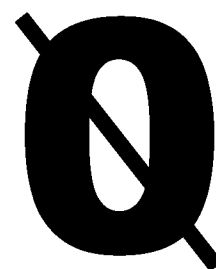
Execution of an Air Operations Center training event is Feb. 4-14. (Call Mr. McGregor or Mr. McGoldrick, 228-2292.)

New Horizons

New Horizons St. Kitts is Feb. 8- May 8. The USAF is the executive agent for this humanitarian exercise which includes a MEDRETE and the following related construction: 1 barracks, 1 day care center (expand/upgrade), and 1 health center addition. (Call Capt. Freeman, 228-1056)



The Car Store SUPERCENTER



down E-1 & up

Check these examples, an E-2 with Q down can buy:

02 Hyundai Accent... 8k miles, auto, a/c
00 Chevy Cavalier... low miles, a/c, cd
99 Jeep Cherokee 4x4... 4dr, auto, sharp
99 Nissan Frontier p/u... 26k miles, auto, cd
99 Plymouth Neon... low miles, auto, 4dr

99 Chevy Malibu... auto, p/w, p/dl, cruise
99 Pontiac Grand AM SE... 42k mi, auto, spoiler
99 Nissan Sentra GXE... like new! cd, alloys
98 Nissan Altima... auto, full power
98 Honda Civic LX... 4dr, auto, loaded

98 Honda Civic OX... auto, extra clean
98 Nissan Frontier King Cab... low miles, auto
98 Plymouth Breeze... loaded, low miles
98 Ford Taurus SE... 24 valve, loaded
98 Chevy Astro Van... 60k mi, full power

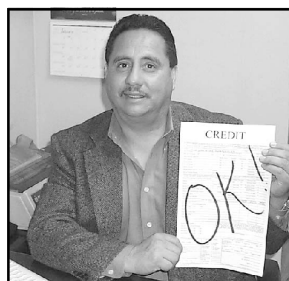
98 Nissan 200SX... cd, spoiler, sharp
97 Pontiac Grand AM... V-6, spoiler, alloys
97 Ford Mustang GT... cd, alloys & fast!
96 Nissan King Cab 4x4... off road wheels & tires
96 Chevy S-10 p/u... stepside, auto, cd

and more! E-3 and above call for even more Q down deals!

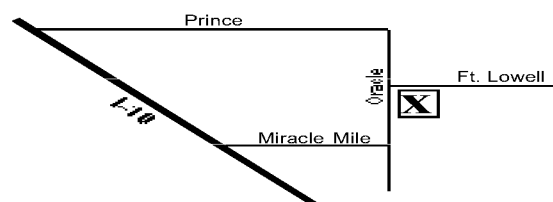
The Car Store credit guys say yes you can! Si se puede!



Mike



Luis



Need a ride? Free shuttle service!

OVER 100 quality, affordable vehicles, most from \$2,995 to \$12,995

CARS



TRUCKS



SMALL TRUCKS



SUV's



3170 N. Oracle @ Ft. Lowell 882-1555

Subject to prior sale, o.a.c.

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE®

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF E-4 & BELOW DEPLOYED PERSONNEL!

50% off tax preparation fees!

Military discount also available for other service members.

5445 E. Craycroft • 790-8829

For all your Real Estate needs

The Powers Team

www.powers-team.com

Please visit our web site and enter our \$1000 give away!!

We offer custom marketing for each home to meet your requirements

Military discounts offered Teri 360-2327
Red Horizon Realty Scott 247-1408

DKNY Gucci Calvin Klein Ralph Lauren

Bebe Ann Taylor Armani

Gold Hanger

Luxury Resale
Logical Indulgence

6775 Camino Principal
520.290.6605
Mon - Sat 10-6

Dash to Your Degree!

No, it's not an academic sprint. But the finish line for your bachelor's degree can arrive faster than usual.

At Chaparral College, it happens in three years or less!

Flexible evening classes – the choice of 70 percent of our students already in the workplace. Financial aid for those who qualify. Lifetime employment assistance. Free book loan program.

And, yes, some of you may have more specific career upgrade goals. We do have shorter associate of science and certificate programs – if that's your need.

4-Year Bachelor's Degree in 3 Years!

Chaparral College 327-6866
www.chap-col.edu

Criminal Justice • Computer Networking • Business Administration • Accounting


INCREDIBLE AUTO LOAN RATES

As Low As

4.10% 4.84%

Variable APR Fixed APR*

ALL New or Used Cars or Trucks! Terms from 24 to 84 months



To Apply Anytime, Any Day,
Call 751-7045

DM Federal Credit Union

We pay you more. We charge you less.

Call 298-7882 for member information

All active duty and retired DMAFB personnel and their relatives are eligible to join!

Loans subject to approval. Annual Percentage Rates (APR) are based on creditworthiness and term. *The rate of 4.84% Fixed APR is based on a 24-month term with a credit score of 720 and above. Rates are valid through 1/31/03. Membership eligibility requirements must be met. 1999 & newer models only on LeasePlus+Loan. Certain restrictions may apply.

www.dmfcu.com

AMERICA'S CREDIT UNIONS®
DMFCU 1/03

Twice as Nice

Family Fashion Exchange

- BIG savings on clothes for everyone!
- Better brands-better prices
- Baby toys and equipment
- Fun and fine jewelry

10% MILITARY DISCOUNT at all locations!

\$2 OFF any Purchase of \$10 or more!

Good at any location. Present coupon at time of purchase. One coupon per customer. No other discounts apply. Expires 2/10/03. DA3

BRING in your clothes for cash or twice the cash in Twice as Nice trade.

Broadway, east of Kolb
Ina & Thornydale
Oracle & Orange Grove
Campbell, north of Glenn
Broadway, east of Alvernon

298-5050
- also -
Phoenix • Sierra Vista



www.twiceaznice.com